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RESPONSE B

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003.

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-9, 11 and 16-20 as being obvious over U.S. patent 4,822,524 to Strickland in view of U.S. patent 5,882,541 to Achtmann, in further view of U.S. patent 4,839,065 to Vandersall or EP 0 911 067. As appreciated by the Office Action, the Strickland patent fails to teach or suggest the inclusion of